1 ABSTRACT

- 2 A multi-protocol port interface coupled to a plurality of selectable circuits, each of the
- 3 circuits being associated with an electrical interface standard and selectable via a mode-select
- 4 input signal in order to facilitate communication with a peripheral device coupled to the port, the
- 5 peripheral device having a circuit chosen from the plurality of selectable circuits and associated
- 6 with an electrical interface standard.

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